REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's Action dated February 27, 2006. In paragraph 1 of the present Office Action, Examiner raises an issue of public use or on sale activity. Examiner requires Applicants to provide information regarding version(s) of LPEX software released prior to 12/15/2000 to satisfy the requirements of 37 CFR 1.105.

According to paragraph 2 of the present Office Action, Examiner requests for Applicants to state whether the subject matters in Claims 42, 48, and 54 are included in at least one of the released version(s). Specifically, Examiner requests for Applicants to state whether the subject matter, "determining that all associated parsers are of the same type" disclosed in Claims 42, 48. and 54 are included in at least one of the released version(s).

Attorney for Applicants forwarded Examiner's request for information to the lead inventor, Adrian Storisteanu, an employee of the IBM Toronto Lab. Claims 42, 48, and 54 include five elements. In the following paragraph, the claim elements will be listed, followed by Mr. Storisteanu's response to whether LPEX (versions released prior to 12/15/2000) includes each element.

(1) "selecting at least two documents for comparison, wherein the at least two documents contain source code written in at least one programming language;"

Response: "LPEX does provide the capability of comparing two documents."

(2) "identifying the at least one programming language as being utilized in the at least two documents;"

Response: "LPEX does identify the programming language of a document opened in it (either for editing and/or for comparison) based e.g., on the file name extension (e.g., *.cpp for C++ language source files)."

(3) "in response to the identifying, associating a respective parser to each of the at least two documents, wherein each respective parser is tailored to parse documents that utilize a specific programming language;"

Response: "LPEX does associate parsers with document types."

(4) "determining whether all associated parsers are of a same type;"

Response: "LPEX does NOT do such checks."

(5) "in response to determining that all associated parsers are of the same type, selecting either a default compare strategy or a custom compare strategy when comparing the at least two documents;"
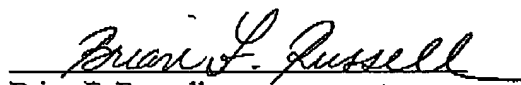
Response: "LPEX does NOT do such checks, and LPEX does NOT have default and custom compare strategies."

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CONCLUSION

Applicants have fully responded to Examiner's request for information under 37 CFR 1.105.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney of record at 512.343.6116 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present Application.

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